THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Fund allocated for the development of the M. M. Choudhary Zoological Park by the Central Government are as under:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	2·00
1983-84	1·85
1984-85	0·94
TOTAL	4·79

Funds have not been allocated for the development of the Lion Safari at Chhat Bir in Punjab by the Central Government.

Appeal concerning the murder of late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi

@2312. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of appeal concerning the murder of Late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi;

(b) how much time was taken for the trial and also for hearing of appeal; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The judgement in this case has been been delivered by the Supreme Court.

(b) 11-1/2 months were taken for trial by the Session Court, 9-1/2 months by the High Court to confirm the death sentences on the three accussed an 15 months by the Supreme Court to hear the appeals.

(c) There has been no inordinate delay.

Consortium to boost processed food exports

†2313. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Times of India' dated the 7th July, 1988 regarding the need for consortium to boost processed food exports;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to create such consortium; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government for some of the suggestions with regard to the promotion of export of the processed food mentioned therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal being considered by the Government for the present.

Smuggling of coal from West Bengal to Bangladesh

@@2314. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal worth about Rs. 10 crores is smuggled out annually from West Bengal to Bangladesh;

(b) whether any steps have taken to stop this smuggling; and

(c) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE

@Previously Unstarred Question 1227, transferred from the 4th August, 1988.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1400, transferred from the 5th August, 1988.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1515, transferred from the 8th August, 1988.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Available reports do not suggest any large scale smuggling of coal from West Bengal to Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery has been geared up. Close co-ordination is maintained with all the agencies concerned including the Border Security Force which are also concerned with the prevention and detection of smuggling along the land borders. Strict vigil is maintained on the vulnerable points along the border.

Import of raw cotton from Pakistan

2315. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether contracts have been entered in o with Paikstan for the supply of raw cotton;

(b) if so, the quantity contracted;

(c) the expected landed price;

(d) whether this import will affect the price of Indian cotton; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Contracts have been entered into for the import of 68,100 bales of cotton from Pakistan to be canalised through the Cotton Corporation of India, at the landed prices ranging from about Rs. 6,000 per candy, to Rs. 7,200 per candy.

(d) and (e) It is not possible to make any forecast on this.

Revival of sick Industries

2316. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to promote the concept of workers cooperative to revive sick industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Institutions and Banks take up rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units on the basis of packages finalised. If workers' Co-operatives bring up a schemes for revival of such units, the same is also considered.

Implications of Bodhghat Hydroelectric project

2317. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bodhghat Hydro Electric Project is likely to displace 10,000 Bastar tribals due to denudation of forests there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the international environment bodies have appealed to the Prime Minister not to permit clearance of this Project as it will be a disastrous one; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Bodhghat Hydroelectric Project is likely to displace 9460 persons including 6109 tribals.

(b) and (c) Representations have been received from several national and international bodies against construction of the Bodhghat dam. The points contained therein would be taken into account while examining the proposals for clearance of the project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया में भुगतान आदेशों की दूसरी प्रति पर- किया जाना

2318. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उचित दर की दुकानों के मालिकों द्वारा मूल